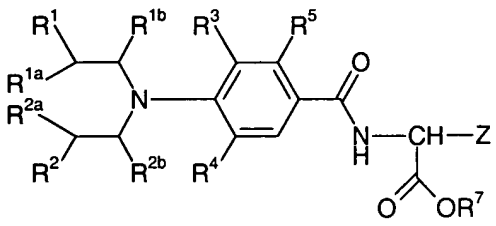
IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as follows.

Claims 1-102 (Canceled).

103. (New) A compound of Formula I:



(I)

wherein:

R^1 is -Cl, -Br, -I, $-OSO_2CH_3$, or $-OSO_2Ph$;

R^2 is -Cl, -Br, -I, $-OSO_2CH_3$, or $-OSO_2Ph$;

wherein Ph denotes a phenyl group which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 substituents independently selected from a C_{1-4} alkyl group, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -CN, or $-NO_2$;

R^{1a} is -H, a C_{1-4}alkyl group, or a C_{1-4}haloalkyl group;

R^{2a} is -H, a C_{1-4}alkyl group, or a C_{1-4}haloalkyl group;

R^{1b} is -H, a C_{1-4}alkyl group, or a C_{1-4}haloalkyl group;

R^{2b} is -H, a C_{1-4}alkyl group, or a C_{1-4}haloalkyl group;

R^3 is -F;

R^4 is -F;

R^5 is -H;

R^7 is -H, $-C(CH_3)_3$, or $-CH_2-CH=CH_2$;

Z is $-CH_2-T-W$;

T is $-CH_2-$, -O-, -S-, -(S=O)-, or $-(SO_2)-$;

wherein the group $-CH_2-T-$ may optionally be substituted with 1 or 2 substituents, denoted Q^1 and Q^2 respectively, on carbon, wherein Q^1 and Q^2 are independently a C_{1-4}alkyl group or a halogen; or, when Q^1 and Q^2 are bonded to adjacent carbon atoms, Q^1 and Q^2 together may form a C_{3-4}alkylene radical optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3 or 4 substituents independently selected from C_{1-4}alkyl groups and halogens;

W is one of:

(1) -COOH;

(2) $-(C=O)OR^8$;

(3) $-(C=O)NR^9R^9$;

(4) $-SO_2NHR^{10}$;

(5) $-SO_2OR^{11}$;

(6) $-PO_3R^{11}R^{11}$;

(7) $-CONH-SO_2R^{12}$;

with the proviso that if T is -O-, -S-, -(S=O)-, or $-(SO_2)-$, then W is not -COOH;

wherein:

R^8 is a C_{1-6}alkyl group, a C_{3-6}cycloalkyl group, or $-CH_2-CH=CH_2$;

R^9 is independently -H, a C_{1-6}alkyl group, a C_{3-6}cycloalkyl group, and wherein the C_{3-6}cycloalkyl group may optionally carry a methyl group;

R^{10} is a C_{1-6}alkyl group, $-CH_2-CH=CH_2$, a C_{3-6}cycloalkyl group, or a C_{1-4}haloalkyl group;

and wherein the C_{3-6}cycloalkyl group may optionally carry a methyl group;

R^{11} represents -H, a C_{1-6}alkyl group, or a C_{3-6}cycloalkyl group;

R^{12} is one of:

(a) a C_{3-7}cycloalkyl group;

(b) a C_{1-6}alkyl group, optionally substituted with one or more of: a phenyl group; a phenyl group with from 1 to 5 substituents selected from halogen, $-NO_2$, $-CF_3$, C_{1-4}alkyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy, $-NH_2$, $-NHCOCH_3$, $-CONH_2$, $-OCH_2COOH$, $-NH(C_{1-4}alkyl)$, $-N(C_{1-4}alkyl)_2$, $-NHCOOC_{1-4}$alkyl, -OH, -COOH, -CN and $-COOC_{1-4}$alkyl; a C_{1-4}alkyl group; a C_{1-4}haloalkyl group; or a halogen; and,

(c) a C_{1-6}perfluoroalkyl group.

104. (New) A compound according to claim 103, wherein R^1 and R^2 are independently -I, -Br, or -Cl.

105. (New) A compound according to claim 103, wherein R^1 and R^2 are both -I.

106. (New) A compound according to claim 103, wherein R^{1a}, R^{1b}, R^{2a}, R^{2b} are each independently -H or $-CH_3$.

107. (New) A compound according to claim 104, wherein R^{1a}, R^{1b}, R^{2a}, R^{2b} are each independently -H or $-CH_3$.

108. (New) A compound according to claim 105, wherein R^{1a}, R^{1b}, R^{2a}, R^{2b} are each independently -H or $-CH_3$.

109. (New) A compound according to claim 103, wherein R^{1a}, R^{1b}, R^{2a}, R^{2b} are all -H.

110. (New) A compound according to claim 104, wherein R^{1a}, R^{1b}, R^{2a}, R^{2b} are all -H.

111. (New) A compound according to claim 105, wherein R^{1a}, R^{1b}, R^{2a}, R^{2b} are all -H.

112. (New) A compound according to claim 103, wherein Z is $-CH_2$-T-C(=O)OH or $-CH_2$-T-C(=O)OR^8; and, T is $-CH_2-$.

113. (New) A compound according to claim 104, wherein Z is $-CH_2$-T-C(=O)OH or $-CH_2$-T-C(=O)OR^8; and, T is $-CH_2-$.

114. (New) A compound according to claim 105, wherein Z is $-CH_2$-T-C(=O)OH or $-CH_2$-T-C(=O)OR^8; and, T is $-CH_2-$.

115. (New) A compound according to claim 106, wherein Z is $-CH_2-T-C(=O)OH$ or $-CH_2-T-C(=O)OR^8$; and, T is $-CH_2-$.

116. (New) A compound according to claim 107, wherein Z is $-CH_2-T-C(=O)OH$ or $-CH_2-T-C(=O)OR^8$; and, T is $-CH_2-$.

117. (New) A compound according to claim 108, wherein Z is $-CH_2-T-C(=O)OH$ or $-CH_2-T-C(=O)OR^8$; and, T is $-CH_2-$.

118. (New) A compound according to claim 109, wherein Z is $-CH_2-T-C(=O)OH$ or $-CH_2-T-C(=O)OR^8$; and, T is $-CH_2-$.

119. (New) A compound according to claim 110, wherein Z is $-CH_2-T-C(=O)OH$ or $-CH_2-T-C(=O)OR^8$; and, T is $-CH_2-$.

120. (New) A compound according to claim 111, wherein Z is $-CH_2-T-C(=O)OH$ or $-CH_2-T-C(=O)OR^8$; and, T is $-CH_2-$.

121. (New) A compound according to claim 103, wherein R^8 is -H, $-C(CH_3)_3$, or $-CH_2-CH=CH_2$.

122. (New) A compound according to claim 104, wherein R^8 is -H, $-C(CH_3)_3$, or $-CH_2-CH=CH_2$.

123. (New) A compound according to claim 105, wherein R^8 is -H, $-C(CH_3)_3$, or $-CH_2-CH=CH_2$.

124. (New) A compound according to claim 106, wherein R^8 is -H, $-C(CH_3)_3$, or $-CH_2-CH=CH_2$.

125. (New) A compound according to claim 107, wherein R^8 is -H, $-C(CH_3)_3$, or $-CH_2-CH=CH_2$.

126. (New) A compound according to claim 108, wherein R^8 is -H, $-C(CH_3)_3$, or $-CH_2-CH=CH_2$.

127. (New) A compound according to claim 109, wherein R^8 is -H, $-C(CH_3)_3$, or $-CH_2-CH=CH_2$.

128. (New) A compound according to claim 110, wherein R^8 is -H, $-C(CH_3)_3$, or $-CH_2-CH=CH_2$.

129. (New) A compound according to claim 111, wherein R^8 is -H, $-C(CH_3)_3$, or $-CH_2-CH=CH_2$.

130. (New) A compound according to claim 112, wherein R^8 is -H, $-C(CH_3)_3$, or $-CH_2-CH=CH_2$.

131. (New) A compound according to claim 113, wherein R^8 is -H, $-C(CH_3)_3$, or $-CH_2-CH=CH_2$.

132. (New) A compound according to claim 114, wherein R^8 is -H, $-C(CH_3)_3$, or $-CH_2-CH=CH_2$.

133. (New) A compound according to claim 115, wherein R^8 is -H, $-C(CH_3)_3$, or $-CH_2-CH=CH_2$.

134. (New) A compound according to claim 116, wherein R^8 is -H, $-C(CH_3)_3$, or $-CH_2-CH=CH_2$.

135. (New) A compound according to claim 117, wherein R^8 is -H, $-C(CH_3)_3$, or $-CH_2-CH=CH_2$.

136. (New) A compound according to claim 118, wherein R^8 is -H, $-C(CH_3)_3$, or $-CH_2-CH=CH_2$.

137. (New) A compound according to claim 119, wherein R^8 is -H, $-C(CH_3)_3$, or $-CH_2-CH=CH_2$.

138. (New) A compound according to claim 120, wherein R^8 is -H, $-C(CH_3)_3$, or $-CH_2-CH=CH_2$.

139. (New) A compound selected from:

{3,5-difluoro-4-[bis(2-iodoethyl)amino]benzoyl}-L-glutamic acid;

{3,5-difluoro-4-[bis(2-chloroethyl)amino]benzoyl}-L-glutamic acid;

{3,5-difluoro-4-[bis(2-bromoethyl)amino]benzoyl}-L-glutamic acid;

{3,5-difluoro-4-[bis(2-bromopropyl)amino] benzoyl}-L-glutamic acid;

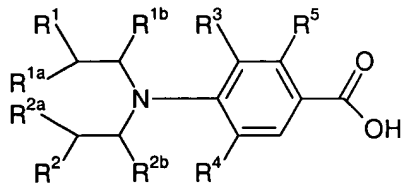
and, the di-*tert*-butyl esters thereof.

140. (New) A compound selected from:

{3,5-difluoro-4-[bis(2-iodoethyl)amino]benzoyl}-L-glutamic acid;

and, the di-*tert*-butyl ester thereof.

141. (New) A compound of Formula II:



wherein:

R^1 is -Cl, -Br, -I, $-OSO_2CH_3$, or $-OSO_2Ph$;

R^2 is -Cl, -Br, -I, $-OSO_2CH_3$, or $-OSO_2Ph$;

wherein Ph denotes a phenyl group which is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 substituents independently selected from a C_{1-4} alkyl group, -F, -Cl, -Br, -I, -CN, or $-NO_2$;

R^{1a} is -H, a C_{1-4}alkyl group, or a C_{1-4}haloalkyl group;

R^{2a} is -H, a C_{1-4}alkyl group, or a C_{1-4}haloalkyl group;

R^{1b} is -H, a C_{1-4}alkyl group, or a C_{1-4}haloalkyl group;

R^{2b} is -H, a C_{1-4}alkyl group, or a C_{1-4}haloalkyl group;

R^3 is -F;

R^4 is -F; and

R^5 is -H.

142. (New) A compound according to claim 141, wherein R^1 and R^2 are independently -I, -Br, or -Cl.

143. (New) A compound according to claim 141, wherein R^1 and R^2 are both -I.

144. (New) A compound according to claim 141, wherein R^{1a}, R^{1b}, R^{2a}, R^{2b} are each independently -H or $-CH_3$.

145. (New) A compound according to claim 142, wherein R^{1a}, R^{1b}, R^{2a}, R^{2b} are each independently -H or $-CH_3$.

146. (New) A compound according to claim 143, wherein R^{1a}, R^{1b}, R^{2a}, R^{2b} are each independently -H or $-CH_3$.

147. (New) A compound according to claim 141, wherein R^{1a}, R^{1b}, R^{2a}, R^{2b} are all -H.

148. (New) A compound according to claim 142, wherein R^{1a}, R^{1b}, R^{2a}, R^{2b} are all -H.

149. (New) A compound according to claim 143, wherein R^{1a}, R^{1b}, R^{2a}, R^{2b} are all -H.

150. (New) A compound selected from:

3,5-difluoro-4-[bis(2-iodoethyl)amino]benzoic acid;

3,5-difluoro-4-[bis(2-chloroethyl)amino]benzoic acid;

3,5-difluoro-4-[bis(2-bromoethyl)amino]benzoic acid; and

3,5-difluoro-4-[bis(2-bromopropyl)amino]benzoic acid.

151. (New) 3,5-difluoro-4-[bis(2-iodoethyl)amino]benzoic acid.

152. (New) A composition comprising a compound according to claim 103, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

153. (New) A composition comprising a compound according to claim 139, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

154. (New) A composition comprising a compound according to claim 140, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

155. (New) A method for the treatment of leukemia, breast cancer, colorectal cancer, ovarian cancer, pancreatic cancer, melanoma, glioblastoma, hepatoma, small cell lung cancer, non-small cell lung cancer, muscle cancer, or prostate cancer, comprising administering to a subject in need thereof a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound according to claim 103.

156. (New) A method for the treatment of leukemia, breast cancer, colorectal cancer, ovarian cancer, pancreatic cancer, melanoma, glioblastoma, hepatoma, small cell lung cancer, non-small cell lung cancer, muscle cancer, or prostate cancer, comprising administering to a subject in need thereof a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound according to claim 139.

157. (New) A method for the treatment of leukemia, breast cancer, colorectal cancer, ovarian cancer, pancreatic cancer, melanoma, glioblastoma, hepatoma, small cell lung cancer, non-small cell lung cancer, muscle cancer, or prostate cancer, comprising administering to a subject in need thereof a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound according to claim 140.